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Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference to Convene in Hawaii

SAN FRANCISCO – Federal judges from the western United States will meet in Hawaii for the 2010 Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference. The event, which is scheduled for August 16-19 at the Hyatt Regency, Lahaina, Maui, is also attended by members of the federal bar, judiciary staff, government agency representatives and distinguished guests.

The conference is held annually pursuant to Section 333 of Title 28 of the United States Code “for the purpose of considering the business of the courts and advising means of improving the administration of justice.” In addition to attending business meetings, attendees participate in a rich educational program focusing on important developments in law, economics, science and other fields.

The event is being organized by the Conference Executive Committee chaired by the Hon. Irma E. Gonzalez of San Diego, chief judge of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California. The Hon. N. Randy Smith of Pocatello, Idaho, a judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, chairs the program subcommittee.

The theme of this year’s conference is “Justice 2010 and Beyond: Stresses and Timely Strategies.” The agenda includes presentations on terrorist trials; the challenges posed by *pro se* (self-represented) litigants; and the impact of the economic downturn on the legal profession. Speakers include Associate Justice Anthony M. Kennedy of the Supreme Court of the United States; Laurence H. Tribe, director of the Access to Justice Initiative; and Assistant Attorney General Christopher H. Schroeder of the U.S. Department of Justice. Justice Kennedy also will participate in a conversation with Judge Gonzalez and Robin L. Itkin, Esq., representing Ninth Circuit lawyer representatives.

The U.S. Courts for the Ninth Circuit consists of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, and the federal trial and bankruptcy courts and related court units in Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Washington, the U.S. Territory of Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.